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1. All Manchuria is in a disturbed condition, especially Mukden.* Businessmen there have been ordered to dig air raid shelters, and daily air raid practices are held, although no foreign planes have been seen.
 2. On 13 October the North Korean government moved to Sinuiju, and all important government documents and families of high-ranking officials were moved to Mukden and Tientsin.** All light industries, schools and non-essential civilians in the Antung-Chian (126-10, 40-07) -Linchiang (126-54, 41-49) -Yenchi (129-31, 42-55) area have been moved to Heilungchiang. The entire border region above this evacuated area has been designated as a war zone and is heavily guarded; travel through the area is restricted to those with special passes.
 3. On 14 October the Northeast government ordered all males between the ages of 18 and 40 not to travel beyond Shanhaikuan (119-44, 40-00). The purpose was to keep all available men in the area as replacements for troops killed or wounded in the war. All foreigners in Mukden were forced to leave the city.
 4. On 20 October 10,000 troops of the 18 Army Group,*** 4 Field Army, arrived at Yenchi and immediately crossed the Tumen (129- , 42-) River en route to the North Korean front.
- Five hundred men who were mobilized in the Kirin Military District took up positions along the Chihai (吉海) railroad. This district is commanded by CHANG Hsien-t'ing (張顯廷), head of the Kirin Province Military Affairs

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Department. Six other provinces are in the process of mobilizing forces; each is expected to contribute 500,000 troops.

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6. The Chinese Communist Air Force has the following aircraft in the Northeast:

- a. There are 34 new Soviet jet fighters and 10 light bombers on K'uanch'engtzu (寬城子) airfield near Changchun.
- b. There are 28 jet fighters and 8 light bombers at Chinchou airfield.
- c. There are approximately 54 jets and 26 light bombers each on Tungt'a (東塔) and Peiling (北陵) airfields.

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7. Martial law has been declared in the Dairen-Port Arthur area. On 13 October 25,000 Soviet troops arrived in this area from Vladivostsk under the command of Manulnikov. There are 120 Soviet jet aircraft at Dairen.

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* [] reported a state of emergency in Mukden as of 1-19 October.

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[] reported the arrival of 250 family members of high-ranking North Korean government officials in Tientsin as of 27 October.

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[] Comment. According to information available to this office the 18 Army Group is under the 1 Field Army and was reported to be in Szechuan in November.

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